Quality of IT Education in private institutions

2184. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spate of complaints are being reported that the quality of IT Education by private institutions is being compromised in the bargain to maximise profit;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a serious view of the poor quality of IT trainers and faculty in these private institutions and have asked the AICTE to look into the matter;

(c) whether AICTE has set up a Committee to finalise guidelines for regulation of IT education; and

(d) if so, by when the such guidelines would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) monitors performance as well as maintenance of prescribed norms and standards of the approved technical institutes including those imparting IT education. However, monitoring of IT institutes in the informal sector does not, at present, come under the area of operation of AICTE. Complaints of malpractices committed by certain institutes have come to the notice of AICTE. A malpractices cell is functioning in the AICTE to deal with such complaints. To improve quality of faculty in technical institutes, AICTE operates various Faculty Development Programmes, like Quality Improvement Programmes (QIP), Continuing Education Programmes (CEP), Early Faculty Induction Programmes (EFIP), etc. AICTE has already constituted a Committee to frame guidelines for regulating non-formal sector of IT education.

VRS in NCERT

2185. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Voluntary Retirement Scheme of Government is applicable to the academic staff of NCERT; and

(b) if so, how many members of NCERT's academic staff have availed the benefits of this scheme during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nine members of the NCERT's Academic staff have made use of this scheme during the last two years.

Central University in Madhya Pradesh

† 2186. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central University and ITI are functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons for not opening them in that State so far;

(c) what are the reasons for the step-motherly treatment towards higher education in the Scheduled Caste&Scheduled Tribes dominated State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to open the Central University and ITI in Madhya Pradesh? .

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information received from Ministry of Labour there are presently 129 Industrial Training Institutes in Madhya Pradesh. There is no Central University in the State.

(b) to (d) The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) lays emphasis on the consolidation and expansion of facilities "in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities. State Governments however can set up their own Universities by enacting legislation for meeting their specific requirements. As regards the Industrial Training Institutes, these are established and managed by the State Governments. The adequacy of such Institutes in a State is decided by the respective State Governments keeping in

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